IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Achtermann et al. Ş Group Art Unit: 2157

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For: Apparatus for Connection Management and the Method

Therefor

NOTICE OF REINSTATEMENT OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the office action dated May 23, 2006 finally rejecting claims 1-4, 6-15, 17-26 and 28-33.

No fee is believed to be necessary. If, however, any fee is required, please charge this fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. In the event that any additional fees are required for the prosecution of this application, please charge any necessary fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is needed, the extension is requested and the fee for this extension should be charged to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,

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